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BOROUGH OF MONMOUTH.

Report of the Medical Officer of Health

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1947.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

Area ... ... 7101 acres.

Popluation for 1947 (estimated) 5035.

		Males	Females	Total
LIVE BIRTHS	Legitimate	47	53	100
	Illegitimate	3	2	5
		50	55	105

Birth Rate 20·85 per 1,000.

The corresponding Birth Rate for England and Wales was 20·50 per 1,000.

The corresponding Birth Rate for the County was 21·30 per 1,000.

		Males	Females	Total
STILL BIRTHS	Legitimate	1	0	1
	Illegitimate	0	0	0
		1	0	1

The still birth rate was ·95 per 1,000.

The corresponding rate for England and Wales was ·50.

The corresponding rate for the County was ·59.

		Males	Females	Total
DEATHS	...	42	39	81

		Male	Female	Total
DEATH OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR ...	Legitimate	2	1	3

Infantile Mortality rate per 1,000 is:—Legitimate 28·56.

Corresponding rate for England and Wales was 41·00.

Corresponding rate for the County was 44·90.

Number of Women dying in consequence of child-birth:—From Sepsis 0; From other cases 0.

Deaths from Measles	... ...	0
,, ,, Whooping Cough	...	1
,, ,, Diarrhoea (under 2)	...	0

Of the deaths referred to 3 were due to Tuberculosis and 1 to influenza.

SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. WATER SUPPLY.—The main water supply of the town is supplied by the Monmouth Gas and Water Works Company Limited. This supply has been regularly examined and certain areas were found to be unsatisfactory, this was traced to the chlorinating apparatus, repairs were effected and satisfactory results obtained.

One area which was previously reported as unsatisfactory has now been put on the Town supply and is now considered satisfactory.

The supply at Upper Redbrook is still unsatisfactory, both as regards quality and quantity, but it is understood that work on this supply will be commenced early in 1948.

The samples were taken as follows:—

34 Samples—23 satisfactory and 11 unsatisfactory.

One sample was taken from a public well and proved satisfactory.

The pressure of the low pressure supply is not, in all respects, satisfactory and it is suggested that measures should be taken to ensure the adequate pressure throughout the area covered by this supply.

The number of houses supplied by main direct into the house is 1,387 (estimated population 4,177). and the number of houses supplied by stand pipes is 80 (estimated population 520).

2. DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.—One (1) new connection has been made.

3. RIVERS AND STREAMS.—Pollution is very slight.

4. CLOSET ACCOMMODATION. One (1) new Closet was erected and the number is now 1,263.

5. PUBLIC CLEANSING.--The area of collection has been extended to include the Kymin area. All salvageable material is separated and disposed of to recognised dealers.

6. SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA:

	Number of Inspections	Informal Notice	Formal Notice	Complied with
Housing	36	0	17	9
Bakehouses	30	0	0	0
Dairies and Cowsheds ...	45	0	0	0
Slaughter Houses ...	Daily.			
Infectious Disease ...	2	0	0	0
Nuisances	27	5	0	5
Disinfections	1	0	0	0

7. SHOPS.—No action.

8. CAMPING SITES.—Two sites are licensed.

9. SMOKE ABATEMENT.—No action.

10. SWIMMING POOLS.—None are open to the general public.

11. ERADICATION OF BED BUGS :

(a)	Number of Council Houses infested	2
	Other houses	1
(b)	Infested houses sealed and fumigated	3
(c)	Belongings of tenants removed and fumigated ...	0

12. SCHOOLS.—All schools are on the main Sewerage and Water Supply.

SECTION B.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

MILK SUPPLY.—37 samples of milk were sent for bacteriological examination. Where any were found to be unsatisfactory the matter was immediately taken up with the Producer.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS. During the year 13,802 lbs. of meat and 5657 lbs. of edible offal were condemned.

6145 carcases were inspected.

The following foods were destroyed: Tinned Meat 208 Tins; Meat 161 lbs.; Dried Fruit 10lbs.; Manufactured Foods 2,764 Tins; Fish 314 lbs.; Bacon 6 lbs.; Jam 30 lbs.

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED :

	CATTLE	CALVES	SHEEP	PIGS
Number inspected	477	567	4865	36
All diseasese xcept T.B. (whole carcases condemned)	5	2	43	0
T.B. ONLY	8	0	0	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	282	5	695	6